

## **WEALDSTONE (0) 1, WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0**

*Attendance: 600*

**BILL JOHNSON**, latching on to a very fractional chance, landed Wealdstone a great 54-minute goal to shatter the Premier Midweek Floodlight League champions at Lower Mead on Tuesday.

**Johnson** gathered a Gerry Olson free-kick — that Olson and Johnson show again — and slammed the ball in, only for the rebound to come back to him and this time there was no barrier.

But the result can't be taken as a guide to Wealdstone's chances at Loakes Park in the Amateur Cup first round tie on January 9 as Wanderers fielded five reserves.

But Wealdstone still held some control in the middle against such as Scottish international Iain MacLean and former Welsh star Geoff Anthony in the visiting side.

Johnson's sharp goal was a perfect example of how to score when the game is dominated by two strong defences. Johnny Ritchie got little change out of John Faulkner and the three Wealdstone exports Keith Searle, Johnny Hutchinson and Bernie Bremer had even less chance against Robb, Williams and Olson.

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Ritchie nevertheless netted the first after 25 minutes but the perceptive Dave Yerby run that given him the chance also left him offside.

ed Powell was dangerous too in midfield for Wycombe and took a chance from Searle neatly,

only to hit the crossbar.

Alan Pentecost retaliated from the Wealdstone attack to hit an upright from a long Olson freekick and Tom Mahon, up front, seemed certain to make it 2-0 to Wealdstone until the referee ruled he had fouled O'Brien.

It now became Wycombe always on the attack. Bremer was just wide with a thunderbolt of a shot but Wealdstone produced an Olson 30-yarder of a freekick made O'Brien save at full stretch.

The last Wycombe effort came with a Hutchinson corner that Gary Hand headed back out from under the bar and Bremer slashed the rebound wide.

Bremer indeed had the last chance, jiggling through two defenders and crossing for Hutchinson, lurking by the far post, but Alan Thomas, an excellent 'keeper on the night, cut the centre out.

**Wealdstone:** A. Thomas; A. Dafforn, G. Hand; R. Williams, G. Olson, C. Rapley; D. Yerby, T. Mahon, J. Ritchie, A. Pentecost, B. Johnson. Sub. J. Chapman.

**Wycombe Wanderers:** P. O'Brien; I. MacLean, R. Guiver; T. Powell, J. Faulkner, S. Rundell; G. Anthony, J. Baker, K. Searle, B. Bremer, J. Hutchinson. Sub. S. Fuschillo.